

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Amelia L. Rutledge
HIROSHI TANIOKA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2176
Application No.: 10/697,983	)	
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Filed: October 31, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
APPARATUS, IMAGE	:	
PROCESSING METHOD AND	)	
STORAGE MEDIUM	:	October 31, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated October 3, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: